

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 17-20 and add new Claims 21-24 as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) Printing paper comprising:

a center portion having a rectangular form having two pairs of opposite sides connected by four corners, and a pair of outside portions connected to the center portion at one pair of the two pairs of opposite sides of the center portion,

wherein the outside portions are an edge portion of the printing paper and are removed from the center portion after an image is formed on the center portion,

wherein the other pair of the two pairs of opposite sides of the center portion are not connected to any other printing paper, and

wherein at least one of the center portion and the pair of outside portions are formed so that the four corners of the center portion have a round shape after removing the outside portions from the center portion.

2. (Previously Presented) The printing paper according to Claim 1, wherein the printing paper has perforations between the center portion and the outside portions.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The printing paper according to Claim 1, wherein the round shape is an arc form.

5. (Previously Presented) Label printing paper comprising an image receiving layer releasably laminated on a supporting layer, the label printing paper having a center portion having a rectangular form having two pairs of opposite sides connected by four corners and a pair of outside portions connected to the center portion at one pair of the two pairs of opposite sides of the center portion,

wherein the outside portions are an edge portion of the printing paper and are removed from the center portion after an image is formed on the center portion,

wherein the other pair of the two pairs of opposite sides of the center portion are not connected to any other label printing paper, and

wherein at least one of the center portion and the pair of outside portions are formed so that the four corners of the center portion have a round shape after removing the outside portions from the center portion.

6. (Previously Presented) The label printing paper according to Claim 5, wherein the printing paper has perforations between the center portion and the outer portions.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The label printing paper according to Claim 5, wherein the round shape is an arc form.

9. (Previously Presented) A printing process comprising the steps of:  
providing a printing paper according to Claim 1;  
conveying the printing paper while holding the outside portions of the printing paper;  
conducting printing on the center portion of the printing paper; and  
cutting off the outside portions of the printing paper from the center portion.

10. (Previously Presented) A printing process comprising the steps of:  
providing a label printing paper according to Claim 5;  
conveying the label printing paper while holding the outside portions of the label printing paper;  
conducting printing on the center portion of the label printing paper; and  
separating the image-receiving layer at the center portion from the supporting layer.

11. (Previously Presented) A printing system comprising:

a printing paper according to Claim 1, a print head for conducting printing on the center portion of the printing paper, and a pair of conveyer rollers for holding the outside portions of the printing paper to convey the printing paper.

12-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A printing system comprising:

a label printing paper according to Claim 5, a print head for conducting printing on the center portion of the printing paper, and a pair of conveyer rollers for holding the outside portions of the printing paper to convey the printing paper.

15. (Previously Presented) The printing paper according to Claim 1, wherein the center portion has a size of 52.0 to 56.0 mm in short-side length and 83.5 to 87.5 mm in long-side length.

16. (Previously Presented) The label printing paper according to Claim 5, wherein the center portion has a size of 52.0 to 56.0 mm in short-side length and 83.5 to 87.5 mm in long-side length.

17. (Currently Amended) Printing paper according to ~~claim~~ Claim 1, wherein an image is not formed on the outside portions.

18. (Currently Amended) Label printing paper according to ~~claim~~ Claim 5, wherein an image is not formed on the outside portions.

19. (Currently Amended) Printing paper according to ~~claim~~ Claim 2, wherein the perforations are in a straight line.

20. (Currently Amended) Label printing paper according to ~~claim~~ Claim 6, wherein the perforations are in a straight line.

21. (New) The printing process according to Claim 9, wherein the outside portions are provided so that a pair of conveyer rollers hold the printing paper without releasing the printing paper until the printing is completed, and wherein the printing can be conducted over the whole surface of the center portion even if the printing paper is conveyed from either one of the pair of outside portions.

22. (New) The printing process according to Claim 10, wherein the outside portions are provided so that a pair of conveyer rollers hold the printing paper without releasing the printing paper until the printing is completed, and wherein the printing can be conducted over the whole surface of the center portion even if the printing paper is conveyed from either one of the pair of outside portions.

23. (New) The printing system according to Claim 11, wherein the outside portions are provided so that the pair of conveyer rollers hold the printing paper without releasing the printing paper until the printing is completed, and wherein the printing can be conducted over the whole surface of the center portion even if the printing paper is conveyed from either one of the pair of outside portions.

24. (New) The printing system according to Claim 14, wherein the outside portions are provided so that the pair of conveyer rollers hold the printing paper without releasing the printing paper until the printing is completed, and wherein the printing can be conducted over the whole surface of the center portion even if the printing paper is conveyed from either one of the pair of outside portions.